

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMERCE

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Ripley, on January 19, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Eileen Rose, Office of Budget and Program Planning
Christie Messer, Committee Secretary
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Subject Addressed: Fish, Wildlife, and Parks proposed appropriations by Division
Executive Action: none

Fish Wildlife and Parks

00:00:24 Barbara Smith
[EXHIBIT\(jnh13a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jnh13a02\)](#)
00:02:17 Rep. Ripley

Agency Overview

00:02:31 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(jnh13a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jnh13a04\)](#)
00:04:38 FWP Video shown to Subcommittee
00:14:51 Mr. Hagener, Overview of FWP, power point presentation
00:18:46 Rep. Ripley
00:19:12 Mr. Hagener
00:50:32 Rep. Ripley

Information Services Division
DP 103-Information Services Overhead Refund

00:50:51 Barney Benkelman, Administrator, FWP Information
Services Division-Power Point Presentation
01:06:25 Rep. Ripley
01:07:22 Mr. Benkelman
01:07:34 Rep. Ripley
01:07:38 Mr. Benkelman
01:07:45 Ms. Smith
01:11:26 Rep. Musgrove
01:11:35 Rep. Ripley
01:11:41 Ms. Smith
01:11:56 Rep. Ripley
01:12:14 Eileen Rose, Office of Budget and Program Planning
01:12:43 Rep. Ripley
01:12:52 Mr. Benkelman
01:13:05 Ms. Smith
01:13:24 Mr. Benkelman
01:13:34 Rep. Witte
01:13:46 Rep. Ripley
01:13:51 Rep. Witte
01:14:08 Rep. Ripley
01:14:13 Sen. Tropila
01:14:28 Rep. Ripley
01:14:47 Mr. Hegener

Communication and Education Division

01:15:20 Ron Aasheim, Administrator, FWP Education and
Communication Division-Power Point Presentation
EXHIBIT (jnh13a05)

DP 802-Shooting Range Grants, Biennial

01:31:53 Rep. Musgrove
01:32:35 Mr. Aasheim
01:33:43 Rep. Ripley
01:34:24 Mr. Aasheim
01:34:34 Rep. Ripley
01:34:52 Mr. Aasheim
01:34:59 Ms. Smith

DP 803-The Wildlife Education Center RST-withdrawn by Department

01:35:28 Rep. Ripley
01:36:05 Mr. Aasheim

DP 804-Off-Highway Vehicle Education

01:37:31 Rep. Ripley
01:37:35 Mr. Witte
01:37:52 Rep. Ripley
01:38:25 Mr. Hegener

01:38:46 Break
01:38:47 Reconvene

Field Services Division

01:51:37 Larry Peterman, FWP Chief of Field Operations-Power
Point Presentation
02:10:33 Rep. Ripley
02:11:11 Mr. Peterman
02:11:19 Rep. Ripley
02:13:08 Mr. Peterman
02:13:23 Rep. Ripley
02:13:44 Mr. Peterman
02:13:55 Sen. Hansen
02:14:25 Mr. Peterman
02:14:34 Sen. Hansen
02:15:01 Mr. Peterman

02:15:09 Sen. Hansen
02:15:26 Mr. Peterman
02:16:40 Sen. Tash
02:19:31 Rep. Ripley
02:19:37 Mr. Peterman
02:22:55 Rep. Witte
02:23:18 Mr. Peterman
02:23:51 Rep. Witte
02:24:10 Mr. Peterman
02:24:21 Rep. Witte
02:24:47 Mr. Peterman
02:24:53 Rep. Ripley
02:25:10 Ms. Smith
02:25:32 Rep. Witte
02:25:37 Mr. Peterman
02:26:01 Rep. Witte
02:26:33 Mr. Peterman
02:26:36 Mr. Hagener
02:27:32 Rep. Ripley
02:28:01 Mr. Peterman
02:29:25 Rep. Ripley
02:29:50 Mr. Peterman
02:33:59 Sen. Tash
02:34:11 Mr. Peterman
02:34:21 Sen. Tash
02:34:40 Mr. Hagener
02:35:04 Mr. Peterman
02:41:11 Rep. Ripley
02:41:20 Mr. Peterman
02:41:30 Rep. Ripley

DP 201-Block Management

02:41:39 Mr. Peterman
02:42:46 Rep. Ripley

DP 202- Tax Adjustment

02:42:54 Mr. Peterman
02:46:32 Sen. Tash
02:46:44 Mr. Peterman
02:46:49 Ms. Smith
02:47:03 Rep. Ripley

DP 203- Game Damage Elk Herder

02:47:16 Mr. Peterman
02:49:35 Rep. Witte
02:50:15 Mr. Peterman
02:50:50 Rep. Witte
02:50:56 Rep. Ripley

DP 204 - Living With Wildlife Biennial- withdrawn by Department

02:51:12 Mr. Peterman

DP 206- Conservation Easement Land Steward

02:54:59 Mr. Peterman
02:55:09 Rep. Ripley
02:55:24 Mr. Peterman

DP 208 - Dam Safety Act Technical Adjustment

02:58:04 Sen. Hansen
02:58:11 Mr. Peterman
02:58:55 Ms. Smith

DP 209-Field Services Overhead Refund

02:59:20 Rep. Ripley
02:59:37 Ms. Smith
03:00:37 Mr. Hagener
03:01:31 Rep. Ripley
03:01:35 Rep. Witte
03:01:40 Mr. Hagener

ADJOURNMENT

03:01:56 Adjourned

REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

CHRISTIE MESSER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jnh13aad.pdf](#))